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ED SALARIES SERVES TO RECOMPENSE MOST ED'S FOR
"EXPATRIATE" NATURE OF THEIR ASSIGNMENT TO
WASHINGTON -- IMPLYING THAT PERHAPS THE US ED SHOULD
PAY US TAXES, AS DO FRENCH AND BELGIAN NATIONALS ON
STAFFS OF OECD AND EEC, RESPECTIVELY. THIS WOULD
PRESUMABLY ASSUAGE US CONGRESSIONAL CRITICS.
ALTERNATIVELY, ED SALARIES MIGHT ULTIMATELY BE

LOWERED AS LONG AS THE REDUCTION WERE COMPENSATED FOR BY APPROPRIATE OVERSEAS ALLOWANCES FOR EXPATRIATE ED'S, ALTHOUGH GOF NOT CURRENTLY PURSUING THIS APPROACH.
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